

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A case comprising:

a containing part adapted to contain objects, and
a lid part provided on an opening of said containing
5 part via a hinge part and operable to be freely opened and
closed,

wherein a pair of engagable, interlocking portions
are positioned adjacent to corners of respective openings
of the lid part and the containing part, and wherein each
10 of said interlocking portions includes a lid part
projection engagable with a respective container part
projection.

2. The case as set forth in claim 1, wherein a
15 distance of each of said interlocking portions from a
front face of said case is less than or equal to about
one-fourth of a width of each side face of said case.

3. The case as set forth in claim 1, further
20 comprising locking portions provided in substantially
middle areas of both the side faces of the openings of the
containing part and the lid part, or in areas near corners
at a back side.

25 4. The case as set forth in claim 1, wherein said

projections are in a shape of being undercut-free.

5 5. The case as set forth in claim 1, wherein said projection includes a rectangular shape in view of a cross section thereof.

6. A case for storing at least one object, said case comprising:

10 a containing part adapted to store said at least one object;

 a lid part that is connected to an opening of said containing part via a hinge at a rear side of the case; and

15 locking portions, each comprising a first projection on said containing part and a second projection on said lid part, said first projection being engaged with said second projection when said case is in a closed position,

20 wherein said locking portions are positioned substantially near upper front corners of said containing part and substantially near lower front corners of said lid part.

25 7. The case as set forth in claim 6, wherein said projection includes a rectangular shape in view of a cross section thereof.

8. The case of claim 6, wherein said container part is stepped on its upper sides to form thin side parts, and said first projection of said locking portions is on a front corner portion of said thin side parts.

9. The case of claim 8, wherein upper edges of said thin side parts slope downward continuously from said rear side of said case.

10. The case of claim 8, wherein a height of said thin parts is one of constant and variable.

11. The case of claim 8, wherein said thin parts extends from side portion to front portion of said containing part.

12. The case of claim 6, wherein a first hinge part of said hinge is substantially spaced along an upper rear edge of said containing part and an upper rear edge of said lid part, and a second hinge part of said hinge is not spaced along at least one of said upper rear edge of said containing part and said upper rear edge of said lid part.

13. The case of claim 6, wherein a width and a height of said first projection is substantially equal to a width and a height of said second projection.

5 14. The case of claim 6, wherein widths of at least one of said first projection and said second projection are substantially greater than heights of at least one of said first projection and said second projection, respectively.

10 15. A case for storing at least one object, said case comprising:

a containing part adapted to store said at least one object;

15 a lid part that is connected to an opening of said containing part via a hinge at a rear side of the case; and

20 means for producing a locking force substantially near upper front corners of said containing part and lower front corners of said lid part when said case is closed.

25 16. The case of claim 15, wherein said means for producing comprises locking portions, each comprising a first projection on said containing part and a second projection on said lid part, said first projection being

engaged with said second projection when said case is in a closed position, said locking portions being positioned substantially near said upper front corners of said containing part and said lower front corners of said lid part.

17. The case as set forth in claim 16, wherein said projection includes a rectangular shape in view of a cross section thereof.

18. The case of claim 16, wherein a width and a height of said first projection is substantially equal to a width and a height of said second projection.

19. The case of claim 16, wherein widths of at least one of said first projection and said second projection are substantially greater than heights of at least one of said first projection and said second projection, respectively.

20. The case of claim 16, wherein said container part is stepped on its upper sides to form thin side parts, and said first projection of said locking portions is on a front corner portion of said thin side parts.

21. The case of claim 20, wherein upper edges of said thin side parts slope downward continuously from said rear side of said case.

5 22. The case of claim 20, wherein a height of said thin parts is one of constant and variable.

10 23. The case of claim 20, wherein said thin parts extends from side portion to front portion of said containing part.

15 24. The case of claim 15, wherein a first hinge part of said hinge is substantially spaced along an upper rear edge of said containing part and an upper rear edge of said lid part, and a second hinge part of said hinge is not spaced along at least one of said upper rear edge of said containing part and said upper rear edge of said lid part.

20 25. The case of claim 1, wherein widths of at least one of said lid part projection and said container part projection are substantially greater than heights of at least one of said lid part projection and said container part projection, respectively.

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